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THE SMALL PICKINGS

A friend from one of the centers of war material manufacture was telling a few days ago, that people were renting rooms that would accommodate four people, for \$6.00 a person or \$24.00 a room. These were small rooms, that would probably have rented for about \$2.00 a week for one previous to the war.

On this basis a family that rented three or four rooms would make \$3000 to \$5000 a year. And yet these same people probably denounce the corporations that are supposed to be profiteering.

These people may say that all this money comes out of the government and no one will know the difference. Yet that kind of thin gas going to make the cost of this war much higher than it need be. When a stenographer has to pay \$6.00 a week for half a bed in a room accommodating four girls she expects enough more to make up for the extra price and discomfort. The public will pay the bills in taxes.

The people who take war workers as boarders are entitled to charge enough more to pay for the extra cost of food and service they have to hire. But when people rent rooms in houses owned before the war, they are at no higher expense. They ought to be glad to let the workers have quarters at a reasonable price, and to do it so their willing contribution toward our great cause.

The government has had its hands very busy with the big profiteers. It has had little time to get after the people who are after the small pickings of war. But these little leaks will have to be looked after. People must be made to feel that the spirit of grabbing all that can be had must be stopped, in small things as well as in great.

THE ALIEN SLACKER

It is a manifest injustice that hundreds of thousands of alien residents can now step into the jobs that our own young men have left to go to war. The aliens are practically Americans. They get all the benefits of American life. Yet if they retain citizenship in some other country, they escape service in their native country, and they can't be drafted here. Thus they seem to succeed in defiance of the old proverb in eating their cake and having it too. They get us both going and coming.

Congress has passed resolutions asking that treaties be entered into with our allies for the drafting of their subjects now in this country. But some hitch has been encountered the real nature of which has not been fully explained. Such treaties were drafted but were withdrawn by the state department some two months ago.

It may be the government fears the establishment of some kind of a precedent that might be burdensome in future wars. Or our allies may be raising objections. But at the same time when they need man power so badly it is almost inconceivable that they would oppose such agreements.

Such treaties ought to be strictly limited to the present war, as we ought not to make unlimited arrangements of this kind. If so limited no precedent embarrassing in future could be created.

It is grossly unjust that these men should be permitted to escape from the duty that confronts them. Why should our young men have to fight to keep them safe and prosperous here in this country? They owe as much to America as anyone. Let them help America in the hour of danger. Most of them would willingly comply if legally drafted.

FARM CROPS AND GANES

Some people claim that the trouble in securing workers on the farms frequently comes from failure to provide comfortable accommodations for these men. This does not apply to the small farm where one or two helpers live and eat with the family and fare as well as anyone. However there are no doubt many farm hands who have had to put up with stuffy quarters over a shed or in barns. This does not promote permanency of employment.

On big farms the providing of comfortable accommodations for workers becomes a problem. Many observers say labor would be more easily obtained and accomplish more, if camps and camps of employees could be provided to work for an entire farm district and go through it systematically according to methods of modern efficiency.

They think that under a hustling foreman, who should lay out a certain standard to be accomplished, the aggregate done would exceed what is now accomplished by putting farm hands working for the individual farmer.

Last summer there was an extraordinary demand for labor to harvest the peach crop in Niagara County, New York. The farmers met and agreed on a uniform price and hired gangs through their county agent. They fitted out comfortable bunk houses and attracted enough labor by doing the thing in a business-like way with regard for the interests of the help to harvest the crops satisfactorily.

The farmers complain that everyone is kicking on the prices they have to charge now and they say they can't afford extra frills. But it is quite possible that a gang of farm workers for a whole neighborhood, directed and supervised like factory workmen might put through so much work that the advantage of making them permanently comfortable might be apparent.

HEROIC TREATMENT FOR RUSSIA

We tried verbs, vowels, consonants, adjectives and a few mild expletives on Germany for more than two years and failed utterly. Finally we were forced to throw rhetoric to the wind and sail into Germany with the only language she can understand—the bark of cannon and the bite of saber. Germany knows now that we mean business—she knows the fighting blood of the American people is piping hot and that it will not cool until we have kicked goal over the bars that divide savagery and civilization. So much for Germany.

Now what about Russia. There was a professor's rule in the rhetorical textbook which we so reluctantly laid aside which said "a soft answer turneth away wrath." Russia is a nation of cutthroats, traitors and revolutionists today. She deserted the best and only friends she had in the world at a time when her desertion placed them in the direst peril. Still we continue to pat Russia on the back and are poulticing the Bolshevik sore spots with soft answers specially prepared and deodorized in Washington. Meanwhile the bandits of Berlin are penetrating deeper and deeper into the heart of Russia and Lenin and Trotsky archtraitors, are waxing fat on German gold.

According to press reports the Hun vanguard has reached the border of Eastern Siberia under shelter of diplomatic verbiage from Washington. Japan and China are able and willing to step in and stem the German advance—to stop the spread of the Hun disease with alopahic doses of shrapnel but they are not permitted to do so because some oratorical genius at Washington is still working on a thesis that will knock 'em all cold with the force of its logic when it is ripe enough to fire into the very intelligent Russian public.

As far as our and our allies' interests are concerned things could not be worse in Russia than they are today. We have nothing to gain by holding back Japan and Russia has much to lose through the spread of the German cancer. If there is a better war prescription than shot and shell no one has yet discovered and the sooner we turn Dr. Nippon loose in Siberia with a good supply of the right kind of pills the better for all concerned except Germany. Then when the war is over we can have plenty of time to conduct as many rhetorical contests as we like and no doubt we will all feel in a mood to talk greatly.



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Soldiers Are Transferred To Meet Particular Needs.

Nearly 240,000 transfers of men from one unit to another have been made in Army camps as a result of occupational qualifications determined by investigations by the War Department committee on classification of personnel. Recently about 40,000 transfers have taken place week.

Through the committee organizations have been built up in all Army camps, by which enlisted men and commissioned officers are classified according to occupational qualifications. In some camps, where as many as 2,500 men are received daily forces of 200 interviewers are employed to ascertain full information regarding each man's occupation, education, experience, and special qualifications.

TANGELO, NEW FRUIT, WHICH IS BEING PRODUCED.

A new type of fruit which has been named the tangelo, has been produced by the Bureau of Plant Industry through a cross between the tangerine orange and the grapefruit, or pomelo. As a class the tangelos resemble round oranges more than either of their parents and are exceedingly variable. Two well-recognized varieties have been thoroughly tested and have been distributed to co-operators for further trial. The tangelo has little acidity and resembles a tender and good-flavored orange more than a grapefruit or tangerine.

Nearly All Artillery For American Army To Be Motorized

Motorization of field artillery will be carried to a greater extent in the American Army than in any other army engaged in the war. Not only will a far greater amount of motor equipment be provided in proportion to the strength of the Army, but it will be used for work where armies now in the field depend solely upon horse power and man power.

The Ordnance Department has succeeded in developing such types

of tractors that, exclusive of the heaviest field artillery mounted on railroad carriages, all American artillery will be motorized, with the exception of some of the 2-inch gun batteries. The problem of motorization of field artillery is a difficult one, which explains why it has not been carried to a greater extent than has been the case with the armies that have been fighting in Europe for the last three years.

The possible output of tractors for the transport of field artillery in the United States is practically unlimited, whereas the supply of horses is at present limited and is becoming more so each month.

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